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SECTORAL INVESTMENT IN TH PLAN
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Sectoral investment requirement for electricity in the Ninth Plan;

(b) whether there has been substantial reduction in the revised requirement;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the actual investment in the first three years of the plan has been only 42 per cent of the revised requirement; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to accelerate the pace of investment in the Electricity Sector to attain the plan targets?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (e) : The approved Ninth Plan outlay for the power sector was Rs.1,24,526.00 crore comprising of Rs.53,299 crore for the Central Sector and Rs.71,227.00 crore for the State Sector. This was based on a capacity addition target of 40245.2 MW.

According to Mid-term appraisal to 9th Plan, the requirement of funds has been assessed to be Rs.1,13,239 crore comprising of Rs.46,604 crore for the Central Sector and Rs.66,635 crore for the State Sector.This requirement is based on the capacity addition programme of 24309 MW as against 40245.2 MW envisaged for the 9th Plan.

The plan expenditure during the first three years of the 9th Plan has been Rs.57,576 crore which is 50.84% of the assessed revised requirement of Rs.1.13,239 crore.

The Government is closely monitoring the ongoing projects through the Empowered Committee and various Task Forces which have been set up for this purpose. For private sector projects, the Government has constituted a Crisis Resolution Group to resolve the `last mile` problems. To improve availability of power and generation capacity in the country, the following measures have been taken:

(a) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme.
(b) Liberalization of investment procedures.
(c) Renovation and modernisation of existing old generating units.

(d) Disbursement of loans by Power Finance Corporation for improving operation and maintenance of thermal power stations under Accelerated Generation Programme.

(e) Disbursement of funds under the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP).